

REMARKS

Claims 10-24 are presently pending in the application. Claim 1-9 are cancelled. New claims 17-24 are added for substantive examination. The drawings and specification stand as previously filed.

RESTRICTION/ELECTION REQUIREMENT

Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. § 121:

I. Claims 1-9 drawn to a transmission assembly, classified in class 74, subclass 606R.

II. Claims 10-16, drawn to a cover, classified in class 74, subclass 607.

Applicant elects claims 10-16 of group II with traverse without prejudice to pursuing the non-elected claims in subsequent divisional or continuation applications.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.143, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the restriction requirement since the claimed subject matter of groups I and II are sufficiently related such that an undue burden would not be presented to the Examiner by maintaining all of the claims in this application.


Applicant submits that new claims 17-24 are drawn to the cover of group II and respectfully requests examination of the new claims.

CONCLUSION

If it is believed that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600. Prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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